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# Adm. Raborn Heads Program To Encourage Lise of Bible

### Noted Navy Veteran Once Directed CIA

NEW YORK - Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn Jr., United States Navy (retired), vice-pres ident of Aerojet General Corporation, has been named national chairman of an interfaith program for encouraging use of the Bible. It combines the previously separate programs of the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Committee, which have been united this year in an all-out effort to reach the greatest number of people of all faiths.

National Bible Week and Worldwide Bible Reading will run concurrently from Oct. 15 through Oct. 22. Worldwide Bible Reading will then continue through Thanksgiving for a total of 40 days. The united effort will contain many special features designed to start the habit of daily Bible reading.

In accepting the chairman hip Raborn said, "I'm quite hon-red to be asked to serve as your chairman for National Bible Week and Worldwide Bible reading . . . The theme for 1967, The Bible: Good News for Modern Man,' seems to be particularly significant because of the difficult and deeply troublesome responsibilities which our country is facing in its staunch support of man's basic freedoms. Certainly the teachings of the Bible are doubly applicable and bring inspiration. strength and under tanding to the peoples of the world and

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A member of the Southern Baptist Convention, Raborn a tends the Naval Chapel in Wash ington, D. C. He is also a 3 degree Mason.

He is a native of Decatur